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SUBJECT: SOVIET 1977 ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE REPORTED BRIEFLY

1. THE SOVIET UNION'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE IN 1977 WAS REVIEWED
BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JANUARY 25 AND THE NEXT DAY CENTRAL
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PRESS CARRIED A BRIEF ARTICLE ABOUT THE MEETING. THE ARTICLE
CARRIED FEW STATISTICS AND LEAVES IMPRESSION THERE WAS LITTLE TO
CROW ABOUT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WAS UP 5.7
PERCENT IN 1977 COMPARED TO A PLAN GOAL OF 5.6 AND A GROWTH OF
4.8 IN 1976. THE MINISTRIES OF FERROUS METALLURGY AND MEAT AND

MILK DID NOT FULFILL PLAN. REAL PER CAPITA INCOME INCREASED BY 3.5 PERCENT AND RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER BY 4.4 PERCENT. (NO OTHER INDUSTRIAL DATA WERE PUBLISHED TODAY.) SHORTCOMINGS WERE REPORTED IN A NUMBER OF FIELDS INCLUDING LABOR PRODUCTIVITY, OUTPUT OF VARIOUS TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, COMMISSIONING OF INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY AND A RISE IN THE AMOUNT OF UNCOMPLETED CONSTRUCTION.

3. COMMENT: THERE ARE NO SURPRISES IN THE NUMBERS OR THE PROBLEMS. THE BREVITY OF THE PRESS TREATMENT SO FAR AND THE RELATIVELY TARDY APPEARANCE OF EVEN THIS MEAGER INFORMATION CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS THEMSELVES VIEW 1977 INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE AS SOMEWHAT LACKLUSTER.
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